

**New Mexico - Lovington Field Office
FY 2006 Ranking Criteria Worksheet
Wildlife Habitat Improvement**

Applicant: _____ Date: _____ Total Points: 0
 Farm No.: _____ Tract No.: _____ CMS Field No's.: _____
 Tribal Land: _____ Non-Tribal Land: _____ Preliminary _____ Final _____

1. Natural Resources Criteria - 105 Potential Points (45%)

A. PLAYAS - Eligibility dependent upon playa verification	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
Deferment			
Yearlong	50		
Nesting Season - April through September (Minimum)	30		
Size - 1 point per acre of actual playa bottom			
Maximum 15 points	15		
Surrounding Vegetation - dominant			
Native Grass	30		
CRP	20		
Cropland	10		
Surrounding Soil Erodibility Index			
220	2		
134	4		
86	6		
56	8		
48	10		
A. Playas	Total	0	
B. CENTER PIVOT SPRINKLER CORNERS	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
Vegetation			
Native Grass	20		
Native Grass with Shrub component	25		
Deferment			
Yearlong	10		
Nesting Season - April through September (Minimum)	5		
B. Cropland Corners	Total	0	

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2. Conservation Practices - 60 Potential Points (25%)

	Potential Points	Benchmark	After Points
Animal Wildlife: Inadequate Water			
Year-long Wildlife Water - Guzzler (648)	10		
Animal Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter			
Prescribed Grazing (528a) - Playa + Buffer 150 ft.	50		
Incentive Payment: Maximum 3 years, 320 acres maximum at			
\$100/acre - playa and buffer area, \$7.50/acre surrounding area			
Prescribed Grazing (528a) - Pivot Corners	10		
Incentive Payment: Maximum 3 years, 320 acres maximum at			
\$100/acre			
Range Planting (550)	10		
2. Conservation Practices	Total	0	

3. Other Considerations - 69 Potential Points (30%)

	Potential Points	Benchmark	After Points
A. At risk species are in the area and the contract will enhance habitat for the species.			
Lesser Prairie Chicken - Certified active lek site within 2 miles OR	15	0	
Documented presence of Long Billed Curlews			
B. Proximity to other Playas - Distance in feet to other playas.			
(10,000' - distance to nearest playa _____)/1000	10	0	
C. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	15	0	
D. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active sec. 319 project.	15	0	
E. This land is within a proposed sec. 319 project.	14	0	
3. Other Considerations	Total	0	

 Producer

 Date

 District Conservationist

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